

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION		
Ref.	Extract	Comment
1.23	<p>The Local Plan takes into account the implications of planning policies of neighbouring authorities as spatial planning issues are not constrained by local authority administrative boundaries. The Localism Act (2011) and Local Plan Regulations (2012) set out those bodies to which the Duty applies and the National Planning Policy Framework describes the issues that it should address.</p>	<p>Support – with qualification</p> <p>Wisborough Green is located at the edge of the CDC area and is directly adjacent to the large, and rapidly expanding, settlement village of Billingshurst, within Horsham District.</p> <p>Horsham District Council plans demonstrate development advancing towards the WGPC boundary along the Arun River, and there is a real prospect of many hundreds of additional houses. Additional proposed major developments nearby at Dunsfold, in Waverley BC, Surrey, will also have incremental pressure on infrastructure local to Wisborough Green.</p> <p>Development in WG will aggregate with the growth of Billingshurst, and other local areas, and should be assessed together, especially with regard to all aspects of infrastructure.</p> <p>WGPC do not believe that spatial planning issues across local authority boundaries are being correctly considered:</p> <p>Wisborough Green residents use facilities in Billingshurst which are already under pressure from development in Billingshurst as well as Broadbridge Health, to the north. Further, incremental gains in WG, a sensitive rural village appear pointless set against the vast developments over the village boundary – poor coordination? CDC's duty of co-ordination with neighbouring authorities seem to only be considered at macro level, ignoring this cumulative effect of development outside CDC NE plan area.</p>

1.24	<p>Significant cross boundary issues include, but not exclusively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need, supply and distribution of new dwellings, jobs and retail floorspace; • Environmental protection and enhancement of the landscape, habitat networks and dark skies (over the South Downs National Park and the Chichester Harbour AONB), • The enhancement of green infrastructure and biodiversity offsetting; and • Requirements and pressures for new and improved infrastructure, such as transport, communications and the needs of service providers (e.g. health facilities, police, fire service and schools). 	<p>Support – with qualification These issues appear to have not been considered.</p> <p><u>School Places</u> – The Weald in Billingshurst, the secondary school into which WG Primary School feeds, has 1812 capacity with 26 places available (average 3.71 places/year group) currently. There is a wholly apparent lack of capacity for additional children from Wisborough Green, Loxwood and Kirdford, along with those from the Billingshurst development.</p> <p><u>Healthcare:</u> Wisborough Green does not have a doctor’s surgery. A village survey to support the Neighbourhood Plan process demonstrated that 45.6% of residents attend Loxwood, 41.5% Billingshurst, 5.5% Petworth, 6.5% Other</p> <p>Loxwood Surgery currently has approximately 6,700 patients; the average for that size of practice is 8,300. The CDC Infrastructure Development Plan correctly identifies Loxwood as having capacity, but also, correctly, notes this will be taken up by development in Loxwood and also Dunsfold (the Cranleigh medical practice is at capacity with no expansion plans). Even with Loxwood’s current extension plans they anticipate local area development will take up any spare capacity. This will leave little or no capacity for Wisborough Green residents.</p>

		<p>Billingshurst Surgery currently supports 13,700 patients but can take up 14,000: almost up to capacity which will be taken up by the occupants of the additional housing due for development. Their practice borders Broadbridge Heath (north) and Adversane (south); they have serious concerns about more housing allocation. An expansion of the Billingshurst surgery is constrained by the premises also providing space for ancillary health services: physiotherapy, occupational and speech therapy etc., that used to be run from hospitals.</p> <p>Pulborough and Petworth Medical Practices are, technically, out of catchment for Wisborough Green but they retain a few WG patients who risk their renewal being refused. Although the practices have some capacity, they will not accept Wisborough Green patients.</p>
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